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DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria flXed for inclusion of districts Wlder the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP);

(b) whether the World Bank assistance has also been sought Wlder the programme;

(c) if so, the details there of?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJ.`mASAHEB M.K PATIL)

(a) Projects under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) are generally taken up in the Blocks which are not included for coverage under the two area development programmes nameJr Drought Prone Areas Programme and Desert Development Programme. Every year, priority lists are fmalized for taking up new projects Wlder IWDP in consultation with the StateGovernments. Performance of on-going watershed projects, the extent of wastelands m. the districts, incidence of poverty, backwardness, drought conditions and other related factors are taken into consideration while includm.g districts m. the priority lists. Watersheds which have preponderance of community wastelandsidegraded lands, private degraded lands held by small and marginal farmers, population of SCs/STs/Backward classes and landless labourers are preferred for inclusion in the projects Wlder the Programme.

(b) At present, no project is Wlder implementation under IWDP with World Bank assistance.

(c)Does not arise.